

Community Health Planning & Strategies Committee



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5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Public Health

4041 North Central Avenue, Phoenix

14th Floor, Training Room

Meeting Minutes

In Attendance

AT	Cheri Tomlinson	AB	Cynthia Trottier	AB	Dan Lindell
AB	Lucio Amado	AT	Randall Furrow	AT	Robert Solis
ALT	Philip Seeger for Debby Elliott	AT	Edward Tisdale		

Part A Program Staff

AT	Rose Conner	AT	Ken Leighton-Boster
AT	Georgina Lowe		

Guests

Mary Perez Bruce Weiss

Support Staff: Claire Tyrpak

Welcome, introductions and declarations of any conflicts-of-interest

Randall Furrow opened the meeting as chair for Cheri Tomlinson, who would arrive late. Randall called the meeting to order and welcomed the attendees. Everyone introduced him/herself and declared any conflicts-of-interest.

Determination of Quorum

Randall Furrow determined that quorum was established with 5 of 8 members at approximately 5:35 pm.

MEETING MINUTES continued

Review of the minutes and action items from prior meetings

Participants silently reviewed the summary minutes for the previous meeting. No comments were voiced.

Chair and Administrative Agent update

No chair update was provided. Rose Conner discussed a Health and Human Services letter she received that discusses that the Comprehensive Plan will now be combined with Part B and the State. The deadline has been extended until September 2016. The first joint meeting will be held in early June.

Affordable Care Act (ACA) update

- Rose Conner stated that there are approximately 150 RWPA clients left to be screened for ACA, 95 % of all RWPA have completed screening as of March 5. It is anticipated that some clients may not get through the screening process by the March 31 deadline, and HRSA will be providing guidelines on how EMAs are to handle these cases. As part of our ACA enrollment efforts, the Planning Council is participating in the Heart and Sol health fair on Saturday, March 8 from 11 – 4. Claire Tyrpak is the lead for this event.
- Cheri Tomlinson stated that Arizona is doing very well with enrollment. It is one of the top states with FFM for enrollment. Cheri then discussed retention in care and how to reduce “churning” and the need to be data driven in our efforts to reduce churning. She would like to have Part B present data regularly to the Planning Council on this issue. Claire Tyrpak will follow up with Part B. Part C had a Go To meeting on Meritus healthcare plan discussing options for Meritus clients to access medications. RWPA, RWPB and other RWPA providers were invited to participate in this meeting. Tip sheets for clients were created on their pharmacy options as they begin filling their medications under their new Meritus health insurance coverage.

Oral Health discussion

Rose Conner discussed:

Direct Dental was reopened in February and the Direct Dental providers were able to provide almost \$50,000 in additional dental services during this month. Thank you to all of our dental providers for helping provide additional services. The Dental Insurance program has reopened effective March 1, and OPHE has enrolled 200 clients this month. There are now almost 1500 clients enrolled in Dental Insurance. Since the RWPA Program began providing dental insurance through an administrative services only contract instead of full dental insurance in 2013, the program has saved substantial funds. The AA will be able to provide a full report on these savings during the yearend report in June, but it is anticipated that this new contracting mechanism for dental insurance will allow RWPA increased funds for dental services.

Mental Health coordination

Cheri Tomlinson discussed:

- FFM clients have access to mental health and substance abuse. Each plan has to provide these services and can decide who their providers will be.

MEETING MINUTES continued

- In order to advocate for the community, the first step is to have clients call their health plan directly for a list of providers. The first three sessions can take place without prior authorization but then authorization is needed to continue treatment.
- Ryan White providers need to contact health plans if they want to continue to provide mental health and substance abuse services.
- MIHS is working on two flyers in English and Spanish for Part C & D clients

Rose Conner discussed:

- Phoenix Shanti and JFCS are no longer Ryan White providers due to all their clients moving to AHCCCS coverage.
- Current Ryan White mental health and substance abuse providers are: Southwest Center, CPLC and MIHS.

Bruce Weiss stated that the Southwest Center will have a contract with United Healthcare for services.

Joint Application

Rose Conner stated that Parts A through D formed an ADAP retention workgroup and agreed to have Parts A and B develop a joint application. There is a draft application being piloted this month through Care Directions. The target date for the application to be used by all providers is May 1. It is hoped that this new joint application should assist in our efforts to reduce churning.

Determination of agenda items for the next meeting

It was discussed that the next meeting will be on:

- Joint application
- Updates on ACA
- Oral health
- Comprehensive plan/needs assessment

Current events summaries

Randall Furrow stated that the following Thursday, March 13 from 5 – 6:30 will be the data session. Members must attend this session in order to vote at the PSRA in April.

Call to the public

Robert Solis stated that he is teaching an ESL class on Mondays and Fridays from 12-2 at 1320 N 15th Street. Bruce Weiss announced that the Southwest Center has two open positions: licensed clinical social worker and bilingual licensed behavioral health therapist.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:15 p.m.